

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The ownership of the company should not be allowed to force its political biases on local stations, which may have other agendas or feel that other programming is of more interest to their communities, and the company certainly should not be allowed to wield the propaganda power of its 60-station network in this blatantly political way.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.